

Parks and Rec Commission
Meeting Minutes January 7, 2011
Williams Recreation Center

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner Glassburn , Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Patricca, Commissioner Winbourn, Commissioner Rodriguez, Director Newbold

Absent: Commissioner Redfeather

Guests: Sue Atkinson, Councilman Jim Wurgler MD, AJ Minor and Sue Tamulevich from Inspriations, Inc., Mark Worden, Renaissance in the Pines, Gus Winnefeld from the Cataract Creek Gang, Mike Dulay from Friends of the Aquatic Center.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Glassburn at 10:05am

Agenda: Motion was made by Commissioner Winbourn to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Williams and unanimously approved.

Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez to accept the minutes from the December meeting. It was seconded by Commissioner Winbourn and unanimously approved.

Public Participation:

Commissioner Glassburn asked the Commissioners to introduce themselves to AJ and Sue. AJ is here to represent Inspirations and the youth of the community. It is his plan to attend more meetings around the community, like Parks & Rec, the Chamber; Clean & Beautiful so he can take the message back to the youth of the community what we are doing around town.

Gus reported to the Commission on his plans to bring a PRCA Rodeo back to Williams.

- Proposed date is April 28th 7 29th 2011
- Called the Williams Spring Fling Rodeo
- All necessary funds and paperwork have been filed with the PRCA
- Slash T is the stock contractor

He went on to say that because they are less than 150 days out from the proposed date the PRCA is requiring an additional \$1,200 for the application. He felt this unfair because their paperwork was submitted prior to the holidays in December. They are appealing this additional fee but said PRCA was pretty adamant about it. He won't know for probably another week what the decision will be. Because we are less than three months away this (the rodeo) might not happen in 2011. We can get the sanctioning and have a whole year to better plan and put it on in 2012.

Commissioner Winbourn asked if the PRCA came back with the additional fee waiver would he (Gus) be ready for the Rodeo in April 2011? Gus responded yes.

Commissioner Winbourn went on to say that Gus should stay in communication with Sue at the Chamber for any assistance they could provide. Commissioner Winbourn also serves on the Chamber Events Committee and has volunteered to help with rodeos this year. Director Newbold stated that she and Sue have been in communication with Gus on this and we have just been waiting for PRCA approval.

Gus went on to say he would be relieved to have a whole year to plan for the rodeo. He would like to hold a pageant for our own rodeo queen. He needs to find girls that are experienced riders between the ages of 14 and 18 years old. Commissioner Rodriguez thought she might know of some girls that would be interested. AJ also mentioned that he might know of people too.

He would like to have a parade before the rodeo and also there is talk of doing a “cattle drive” through downtown but he would have to clear that with City Council. The stock contractor is willing to supply the extra cattle to do it.

Director New bold added that Cowpunchers did sign their contract with us for the 2011 rodeo. The inspection of the rodeo grounds still needs to be completed for their in-kind work commitment. Gene Owens, Frank McNelly, Commissioner Winbourn and Director Newbold need to be a part of that group.

Mark Worden from Renaissance in the Pines gave a brief history of his event.

- In 2002 we were approved by the City to hold our event in Buckskinner Park but the extreme fire danger forced us out of that location.
- Outlaw actors, black powders shoots and even a lady of the lake were all scheduled
- 90% of exit poll said we put on a great event
- The next year the event moved to Flagstaff
- The next year we signed a 50 year contract with Mike Morgan to do a Renaissance Themed Park but once Mike left the company and his partners moved to Washington Marks wife and he worked hard to continue the event which was held at El Nathan Campground in Flagstaff last year.

Mark would like to move his event “Renaissance in the Pines” back to Williams this year. He needs support and sponsorships to do this as it costs well over \$30,000 to put on this event.

- Cataract Lake is our first choice for a location but due to the renovations being done at Kaibab Lake campground it will probably not be available this year.
- He is planning for 2012.
- He went on to say that over 5,000 people attended his Flagstaff event. He realizes that it takes time to rebuild an event once it’s moved.
- Event date has been July 4th in past but once moved to Williams the date will change.
- They are rated one of the “Best Small Fairs” in the country.
- We are an arts AND entertainment Fair.
- Radio advertisements are done by Russ & Julia Walton

Mark would like to request a 10 year agreement with the City to sponsor his event at a reduced rental fee; a guaranteed location for 5 years with an option in the remaining 5 years. \$300 for the first 3 years, \$500 for the next 2 years and \$700 every year after.

Before he goes to Council he would like a recommendation from the Parks and Rec Commission.

AJ has participated in the drama club in the past and was a participant in the festival in Flagstaff. He could get youth involvement again.

Commissioner Williams asked if he had considered the Middle School for a location this year. Mark did not want to keep moving the event around and shade is also a big consideration.

Commissioner Winbourn asked if Mark had had discussions with Chief Nixon, particularly regarding parking. Mark responded that he has walked the location quite a few times. He felt there was room for about 200 cars if parked right. He doesn't expect a huge attendance the first year or even the 2nd but feels there is plenty of parking.

Commissioner Glassburn asked Mark to email her the contract information. She would like to put this on the agenda for the next meeting to give the Commission time to review the agreement. She confirmed that there will be things coming into play this year with the County and Cataract Park. There could be construction going on out there. There is still \$700,000 in funds at the County that they have to put into a Park.

Commissioner Glassburn went on to say that Jeff D'Arpa was supposed to be a guest today as well to discuss safety issues at the Skate Park.

Director Newbold stated that Ben Atkinson, a licensed contractor, has donated hours of labor to do repairs in the Park. An inspection needs to be completed to determine what needs to be fixed and she would like to do a walk through with the Commission.

The Park just had flooding issues after this last storm.

Gene Owens obtained a grant and would like to complete some work in there as well.

Director Newbold showed the Commission pictures from a web site called concretedeciples.com. There were outdated pictures and information on the site. She emailed them to correct the information.

AJ stated that a rating on the site of 8 out of 10 isn't on appearance of the Park but rather the "ride". He asked if anyone has checked into a Tony Hawk grant or a Rob Dierdek & DC

for improvements. Director Newbold said that because we require our riders to wear safety equipment in the Park they could not get a grant from Tony Hawk.

Commissioner Glassburn asked to have this item placed on next month's agenda and also get with Gene Owens to determine his plans as well. She didn't think it would take a whole lot to correct the deficiencies. Commissioner Patricca and AJ stated that there will be plenty of skaters that would like to come out and help.

Director Newbolds report:

The WYCP (Williams Youth Center Project) made up of 5 teachers have raised \$2,855 since March. They have been able to purchase \$1300 of safety gear for the Skate Park.

The kids have been asking for a new air hockey table. Joe Duffy at the City approved the funds to purchase one. She found one online at a price that will also allow her to purchase a basketball shooting game also.

We need to make the Rec Center a fun place for kids to come.

The New years dance was cancelled due to the weather. All supplies will be used for a Valentines Dance scheduled for February 12th.

The pool has been a nightmare but has managed to keep it running. The building has maintained a temperature of 32 degrees and the water has held at 50 degrees.

Sportsman Club: No report

Cataract Day Use:

Commissioner Glassburn asked of the Commission should we recommend to allow camping or not at Cataract Lake while Kaibab Lake campground is closed for renovations. We need to come up with a recommendation for City Council. Should we suggest that we allow camping for 2011 only and then day use for subsequent years?

We will be losing 72 campsites with the closing of Kaibab. There are only 25 available sites at Cataract Lake.

Cataract Lake Park is one of the County Parks that is benefiting from C Post funds collected by the County for Park improvements.

Commissioner Glassburn went on to say that we have to go through the proper procedure here and consult with both the County and Forest Service on proposed improvements.

Director Newbold mentioned that a public meeting will be needed. The city currently has an IGA in place with the county for this park. Dorris Woods is on it to make sure we get

some of the funds. We should have a special work session to help guide us through this process. Director Newbold asked Commissioner Glassburn if improvements would start this year.

Commissioner Glass burn replied no. There is lots of planning to do and we really need to put some thought into this.

Director Newbold then commented that if camping is allowed for this summer at Cataract it is allowable within the IGA.

Commissioner Patricca added that the reduced number of camp sites is better than nothing and we need to keep the people in Williams.

Commissioner Winbourn asked if we have a list of guidelines to go by.

Commissioner Glassburn would research that and have it by the next meeting and she will also discuss with the City and forest Service on the possibility of doing a work session. We need to decide on the short term and long term plan.

Rodeo Grounds:

Commissioner Williams met with Commissioner Winbourn and Mr. Anderson (Buster) at the Rodeo Grounds for a brief inspection.

Commissioner Winbourn stated that it was easy, basic things that needed repairing. He took some photos and discussed with Gene Owens the issues. Gene replied once the snow melts they will be able to go out and do repairs.

Director Newbold stated that she, Gene Owens and Councilman McNelly should have been present as well on the inspection.

Sue did bring up the use of the rodeo grounds for the 2011 HOG Rally and as part of our proposal the parking lot was to be graded, packed and rolled. Director Newbold will bring that up in her supervisors report to Glenn Cornwell and remind him that needs to be on the work plan for the spring.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:22am

Next meeting scheduled for February 4 at 10 am at the Rec Center.